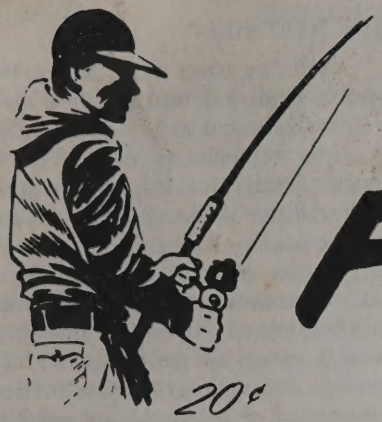

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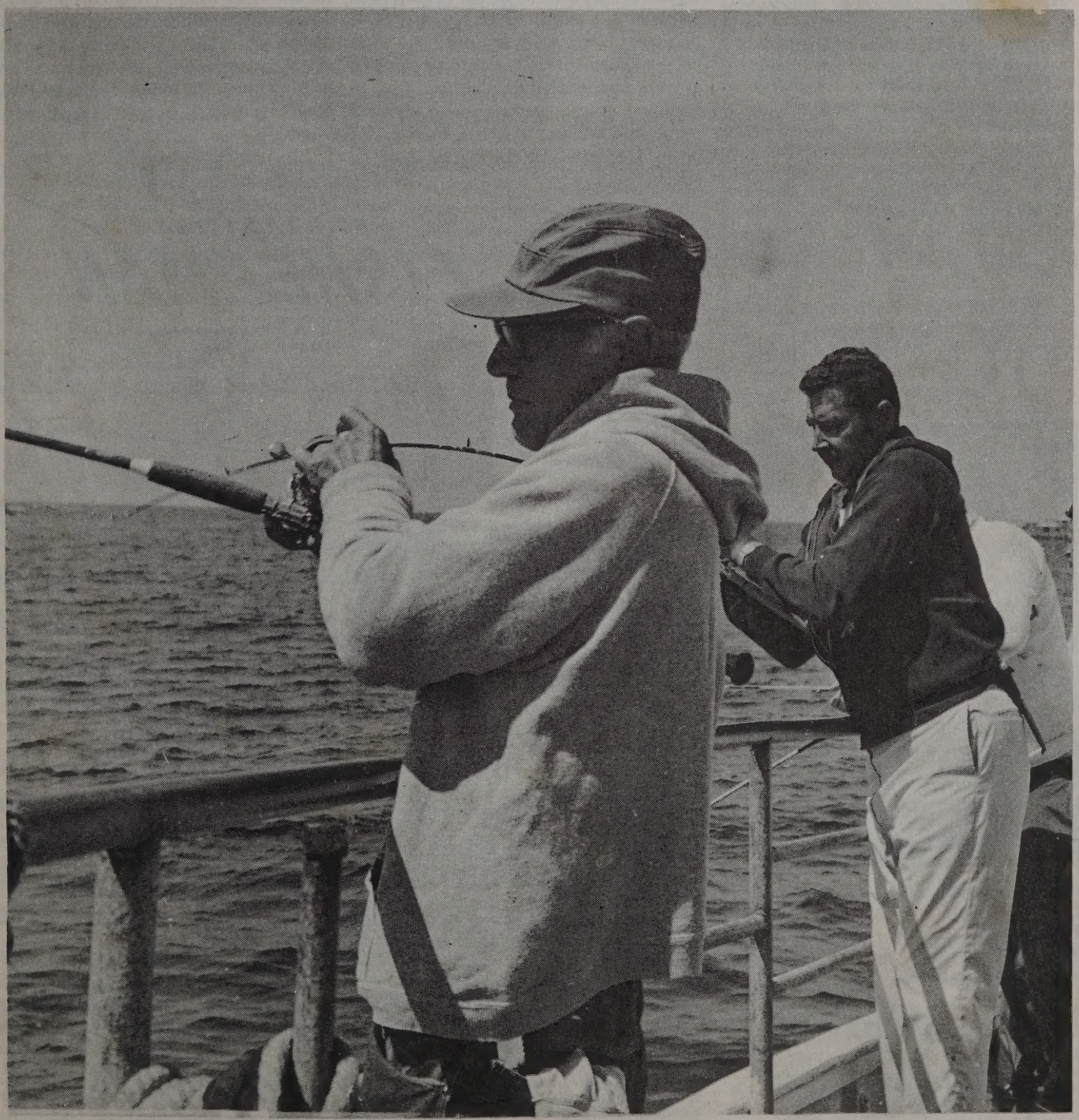

LOTION TO STOP MOTION

Dear Don,

This episode was related to me over a few beers the other night. However, in the interest of preserving his dignity and our friendship, I have not included his name. Frank Raygada

I had just given the finishing touches to my knees, to which I had been applying sun tan lotion. This action had been prompted by my partner who had become solicitious, brought on by the boredom of not having had so much as a hit after 2½ hours of trolling. He had approached the topic of my knees tactfully by first commenting that Hot Pants would never have had a chance if the designer who introduced them had caught a glimpse of me in my baggy bermudas. With this opener he noted that my boney knees were getting kinda red.

So, as the last of the lotion went on, suddenly my reel screamed like a Banshee. It was the first hit we had had all day, and looked by the way it ran, like a big one. I lunged for the rod, pulled it from its holder and flicked on the spool lock, with all the grace and smoothness of a ballerina. Then I stood motionless with anguish as $50 worth of rod, reel and lead line, slipped through my hands like a greased eel.

"Now it ain't that rod and reel I'm frettin
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Marvin Levy (left) receives the Champion of Champions Trophy from Paul Skidmore. The award went to Marvin for his 15 lb. 10 oz. fluke which he entered in the Moriches Bay Fluke Fishing Contest.

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READERS AND EDITOR NEED HELP

Trying to exist in the New York Metropolitan area without ones own means of transportation must be frustrating enough. But what must it be like to be a fisherman without wheels?

Among the many requests asked of the L.I.F., and proportionately somewhere near the top of the list, are a means of travel to and from the various fishing ports that we cover with our weekly fishing reports.

Most of the requests come from adventuresome readers who would like to travel to Montauk, Orient Point, and some of the north shore harbors. One particular New Jersey resident, who owns his own auto but says he is too exhausted at days end to attempt the long drive to Montauk, would prefer to ease his tired frame into the seat of a bus, train, or airplane and leave the driving to someone else.

Well, we never made any pretense at being a travel bureau and after making an honest attempt at it we found that it would be beyond our abilities anyway. I won't even mention the frustrating phone calls we made. So I am turning to you, the readers, for help.

Somewhere out there in "Readerland" the answers to public transportation must be known. If you are one who has found a means of getting to and from Montauk, etc. without a car, roller skates, shoe leather or a bicycle, we would like to know, as would many of our readers. These will be published; and who knows, maybe an exchange of ideas may bring about better service for some and also help to convince others to explore what they have to date not challenged.

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SHOWDOWN AT LIDO BEACH

by BARRY LEE SCHWARTZ

It was a late September evening four years ago when I had my first real battle with a striper off Lido Beach, L.I. Old Roccus scored a T.K.O. in the first round by straightening out the treble hook on an orange and red popper I had found on the beach that morning. It was obvious that the hooks were weakened by their long exposure to the salt water and they bent easily in the jaws of the big bass that nailed my plug. I vowed that I would be in the winner's corner the next time around.

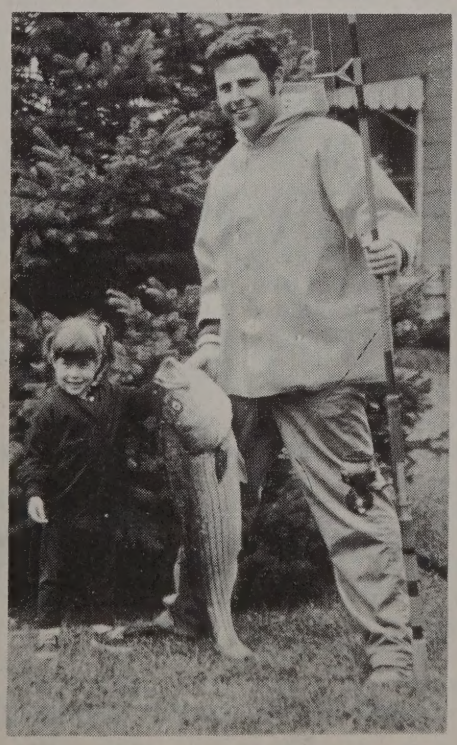
I got my chance this past month off the jetties at Long Beach, L.I. It was almost as though destiny had brought me to this place. I had been bottom fishing at the Hempstead Marina without success and was totally unprepared to fish the surf. Nevertheless, I decided to visit my old stomping grounds and was amazed to find that conditions appeared ideal. It was an overcast day and the water was clean but rough. A strong northeast wind stirred up ten foot waves that crashed into the jetty, while diving gulls worked feverishly one hundred and fifty feet offshore. I made a bee-line for the car, grabbed my rod and reel, and worked my way out onto the slippery rocks.

After a few casts straight out without a strike, I decided to place my mullet-colored popper parallel to the shore. It landed in the wash fifty feet away. I retrieved it with a slow but steady pull, pumping the rod butt all the while. The plug had moved no more than ten feet when suddenly it disappeared beneath a wave, and line strated to melt from the reel. I flipped it into the locked position and reared back on the rod. Silently I prayed that this time those treble hooks would hold. They did! For the next twenty minutes I grunted and strained against this heavy object until my muscles ached and the perspiration dripped from my brow. Could it be that I had hooked into some driftwood that carried my plug out with the tide, simulating the action of a big fish? These doubts crossed my mind as I struggled to bring the mysterious object to shore.

Just as my hopes began to fade that I would ever learn the outcome, I saw a flash of silver and knew that I was battling a king-sized bass all the while. I immediately loosened up on the drag and worked my way back to shore. The bass had maneuvered my plug dangerously close to the jetty and I knew that if I didn't act soon my line would be shredded to pieces on the sharp, barnacled rocks, and my hopes of catching "the big one" would be crushed again. Without a moment's hesitation I jumped into the water, fully attired, and waded out to meet the bass head on! There he was, floundering on the surface, so I quickly reached for my gaff, but . . . oh no . . . it wasn't there! I had been carrying it around for four years and had never had the occasion to use it. Just today, when it could have spelled the difference between victory and defeat, I had left it home. I cursed myself and thought for a moment that I had failed again.

Instinctively I reached for his gills, but could not get a grip as the bass rolled over in the heavy surf. Time and again I was battered by the big breakers that soaked me to the skin. I lunged out again in desperation, and this time managed to wrap my arm around his body. What a sight! There I was, pole in one hand, while the other held onto the bass for dear life. I was so determined not to let him get away that I would have followed him to Davy Jones' Locker if need be.

Finally, I managed to wrestle him to shore, and collapsed on the beach from sheer exhaustion. After regaining my composure I surveyed my prize. Later it weighed in at 24 pounds and was 41 inches long. My dream had come true. This one didn't get away.



Barry also nailed his bass to a photograph; as shown here.

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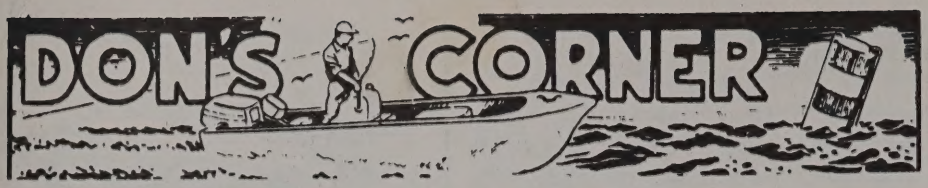

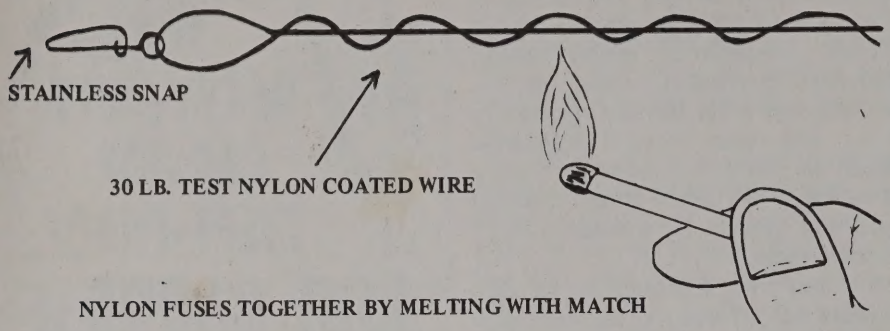

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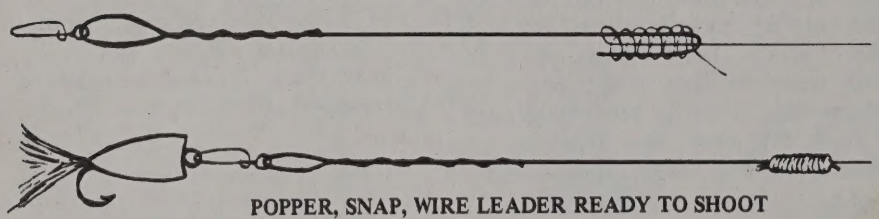


POPPER, SNAP, WIRE LEADER READY TO SHOOT

Outside the office walls of the L.I.F. there must be thousands of anonymous readers who never relate to us their likes and dislikes. But, while these readers pleased or otherwise seemingly accept this weekly without a murmur, there are a number of critics who constantly remind us of our shortcomings. Of this later number many have become our friends; although we have never really met them personally.

One such friend and critic, Dr. Joel Berns, of Stamford, Connecticut, would have appreciated a more detailed description or an illustration of the wire leader used for fly-rodding blues that I breezed over in my last column. Perhaps he was right. But to save myself and offer the best available excuse somehow I must have known that I would come up with a more preferable leader arrangement than I was using at the time. To be more honest, I didn't come up with it at all. My young, but talented, friend Jimmy Stanco suggested it. And if he didn't devise it, I know not the original source. Anyway...

This wire leader offers the opportunity to change streamers or poppers with speed. Especially if you have just landed a blue and found that his teeth just ruined a popper and you only have seconds to get another shot at surfacing fish. Or, if the fish have become leader shy and you wish to eliminate it altogether.

A very small, light-weight, stainless 18 lb. test snap (without swivel) is bent in the loop end of a 7 inch length of 30 lb. test nylon coated wire. Five turns are taken, and this loop is fused together by the heat of a match (as illustrated.) Any excess wire from this loop is cut clean and as close as possible to the standing length. At the other end, a bend is made by pressing a semi-loop, using about ¾ of an inch, with your fingers or a pair of pliers. The tippet is then bent to this loop by tying an Albright Special (I guess that's what it's called); six turns taken back over the standing tippet and the wire loop; the end is then passed through the loop and the knot drawn tight; excess ends are nipped in close. (a pair of nail-cutters works well here.)

The resulting leader will be about 4 to 5 inches long. Although it's concept was for the fly-rodder, I see no reason why it wouldn't also be a practical leader for the ultra-light spincaster.

In fooling around with fly-lines and the likes I discovered another usable line to leader arrangement that goes the other extreme; long heavy traces to be used with conventional casting outfits.

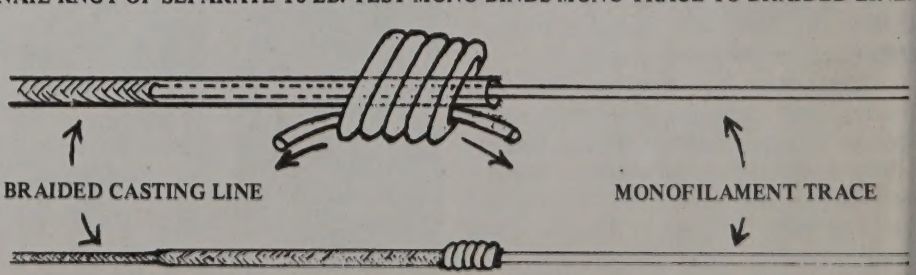
The backing to fly-line nail knot, conventionally tied with the nylon over the fly-line, has been replaced by working the line into the hollow core of the nyl line and then with a separate piece of 10 lb. test monofilament drawn tight over the fly-line end with a nail knot. This rather smooth and snag-free connection resulted in an experiment of my own.

I haven't completely bowed to the exclusive use of monofilament. On my heavy duty conventional plug casting outfits I still prefer the braided lines. Yet there was always the problem of the finger burning trace knots that I never seemed to pack in the same position on the reel twice in a row. (Can't keep my eyes off the plug.) The length of these monofilament traces were limited also. A snagging knot to deep in the line can cause more backlashes than surface breaking cow-bass. So...

At present my conventional reel is loaded with 30 lb. test braided Cortland Micron. A 20 foot length of 30 lb. test U.S. Line MX-103 monofilament makes up the trace, using the same technique as just described and illustrated somewhere on this page. The mono was run into the hollow of the braided Micron approximately three inches or so.

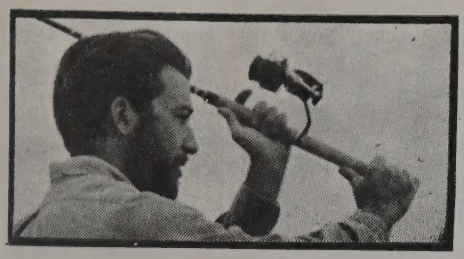
I am not too sure at what strength this connection will test out at. The 30 lb. over all line choice is not for fighting but to offset the abuse it must take by casting weights in excess of three ounces and the resulting blacklashes that come occasionally regardless of aptness. It has, this season, withstood the battles of several over 30 pound stripers; and for those reasons alone I doubt that a laboratory test need be made.

NAIL KNOT OF SEPARATE 10 LB. TEST MONO BINDS MONO TRACE TO BRAIDED LINE.



DRAWN SNUG IT IS SMOOTH AND SNAG FREE.

(Illustrations by the author.)



PLUGGIN' AROUND

BY AL REINFELDER

HUNTER'S MOON BASS

On Tuesday, if the night is clear—as it is wont to be in November, a circular, white-dish full moon will lift into the night sky above Long Island. Under its still pale light heavy tides will rise. Great waters will move into the bays and sounds, and marsh meadows will glisten in a new wetness.

Near midnight, with water still moving westward in the Sound, the restless current will swing to a halt at Montauk Point. And then the ebb will begin.

It will be a fearful tide if the northeast wind is up, yet under any breeze the current across Shagwong and past the rocky jut of the point will be strong. Rips with curled and sneering lips await the midnight boatman.

But bass, the fat, restless, brutish bass of the hunter's moon, will ride the shining black tide like buffalo rode the green rivers of yesterday's grasses. And like rain bait will fill the waters.

It will be thus tonight also, for the moon is nigh. And it will be so for some days after the night of the big moon, for the hunter's moon is a period; not just a night. And it is during this period, most particularly this year, that the biggest bass in the world become available to us.

The full moon, like it's anti-form, the new moon, creates big water because it works in line with the sun. But unlike the new, this moon lights the waters and kills the fire of phosphorescent life which hinders the angler. For these reasons the monthly "moons", or periods around the full moon, are always associated with good fishing. But there does seem to be another factor involved. One which I, for one, do not understand. Everyone knows that there is good fishing during the new moon period—provided that the fire is low, or not present at all. Yet, at best, this fishing is never as good as it is during the bright moon period. Thus the most important moons for fish movement are those on the full moons.

Since stripers get active during September, peak in October, and run through November, the most important moon of the year is usually the full moon in October. For this reason the crew that runs the full moon tournament at Montauk likes the full moon of that month for its annual get-together. This year, however, something is different. For one thing, the moons come very early in the month. The October full was on the 4th and November's will be on the 2nd. For another, the weather is very warm and mild. And no late season hurricanes came to rush our fish into a premature migration.

That is why this year the November, or "Hunter's" moon will be the big one for big bass. How should it be fished?

The fishing will be tough only in the sense that the weather may be bitter and the water wild. The fish, too, will be fierce in their strength. But they will be easy to hook.

Big tube lures, Alou Eels, bait tails, large feather jigs, eel skin jigs, and giant plugs will top the list of big fish favorites during the night tides. Multiple tube lures, big single tubes, bucktail jigs and bunker spoons are favored after the sun comes up. That's for boatmen.

Surf casters, who now stand their best chance at hanging a record, will use Alou Eels, Gibb's Darters or big surface swimmers, such as the Atom, (if the wind allows). If not, high density poppers in the larger sizes, or big metal jigs, will have to be employed, I don't keep records on these things, but I seem to remember that a heck of a lot of really big cows (sixties, high fifties, forties, etc.) were taken between the first and the fifteenth of November from the surf at the point. Of course it's cold and miserable for the most part. When Felix the Great used to be with us he would fish into December, making a few casts and then returning to the car to thaw out his numb, frozen hands. But the rewards can be great. Just thinking about a sixty in the wash warms my blood (a few degrees, anyway.)

The only striped bass tournament that I know about which is held for both surf and boat fishermen (though in different catagories) is the Martha's Vineyard Derby. An interesting thing which I have observed during the few times I've participated in this event is that the top surf caught fish are generally larger than those caught from a boat. And this is a fall contest (Sept. 15-Oct. 15, which would correspond in our fishing calendar to Oct. 15 - Nov. 15.) It's interesting. Possible those big mother's (in the sense that big fish are all females) find easier picking along the beach than outside in the roaring rips.

If you are subject to suffering in cold weather, or if you quickly get numb and useless hands (like I do) let me offer you a few suggestions which have helped me during the last few "winter" fishing seasons.

(1) You must be dry to be warm. Thus you can take no chances with spray and should wear rain gear offshore and a secure top while casting.

(2) Sometimes you can't help but get wet, so wear as much wool as possible. Wool retains a great portion of its insulating qualities when damp.

(3) Wear layers and layers of clothing. Two layers of material are warmer than one layer of equal or greater weight. This is because of the insulation quality of the dead-air layer between the fabrics. Layers also allow you to strip precisely to the comfort point during mid-day periods of warmth.

(4) Have gloves with you for when you're not fishing. Hands should not be allowed to get cold because they are hard to warm up. Trollers can use gloves for all operations except changing lures. The red commercial fishermen's gloves are great, and a thin pair of woolen gloves under these are living-room cozy.

(5) If you are casting or cannot wear gloves for another reason, overdress. I have sometimes been able to keep my hands comfortable in freezing temperature by pumping hot blood into them from under two layers of long underwear (one of which was thermal.)

Why do this?

I don't know.

But if you don't need to ask this question, your reward awaits you in the hissing surf, or in the surging rip, for this is it: the last, but the best chance of the season.

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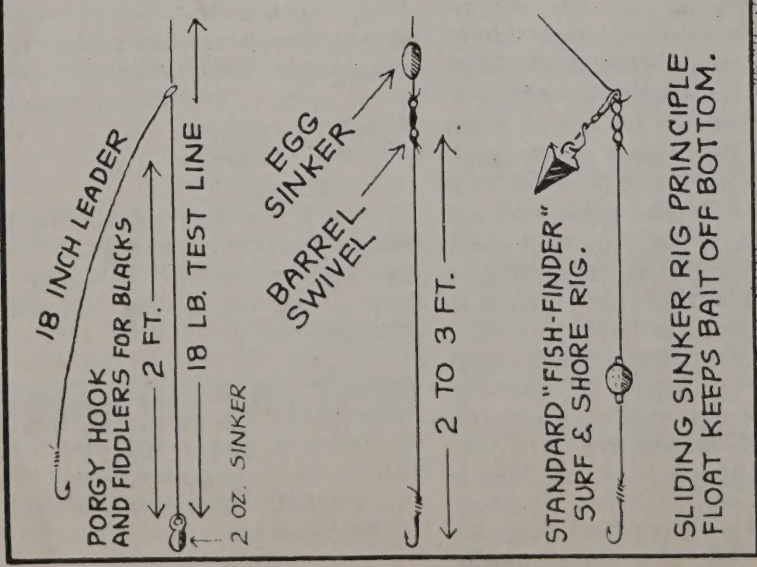

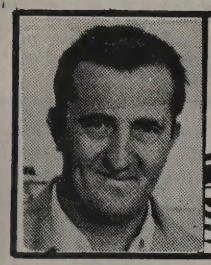

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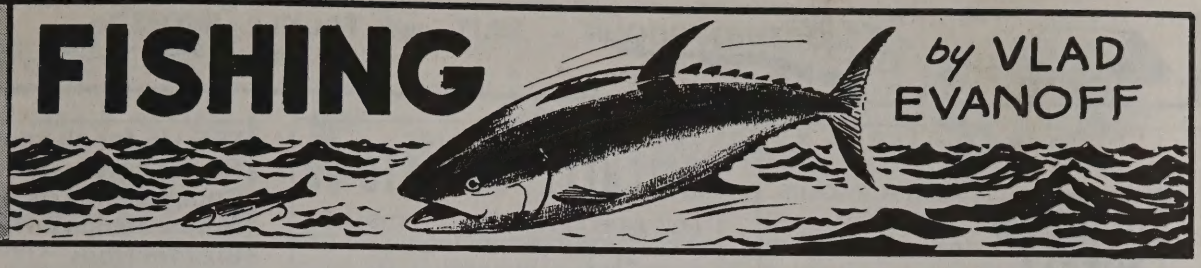

CODFISH

Around the middle of November I always looked forward with great anticipation to my first codfish trip of the year. I usually made this trip from Sheepshead Bay because I lived in Brooklyn and this popular party-boat port was nearby.

One thing I usually did was to go down to the docks at Sheepshead Bay the day before and watch the boats come in. I would see if they were carrying many cod off the boat in the burlap potato sacks and talk to anglers who were out that day to find out how the fishing had been. If the catches had been good that day I would plan to go out the following morning on one of the boats. If the weather hadn't changed too radically and the wind hadn't increased or shifted the chances were good that the fishing would hold up well on the following day.

You can also query friends who had been out on one of the boats before you go out. Or check the radio and newspaper reports to see how the cod have been running at the port you plan to sail from.

Most of the party boats in the New York City area fish such codfish grounds as the Cholera and Angler Banks, Scallop Ridge, Ambrose Grounds, Seabright, 17 Fathoms and the Farms. These are found either off Western Long Island or New Jersey. Party boats sail from not only the above mentioned Sheepshead Bay but also from Captree, Freeport, Point Lookout, Canarsie and Great Kills to fish these waters.

Since some of these boats tend to get crowded especially on weekends and holidays it pays to arrive early if you want a favored spot along the rail. Tying your bag and rod to the rail reserves the spot for you. Just what spot is best on a party or head boat is a matter of personal preference. Some like the stern; others like the bow. I usually prefer the stern myself if we are fishing at anchor since it is closer to the water and the fish tend to approach the stern end of the boat when moving against the tide. But if the boat is going to drift, then the position along the rail isn't quite so important.

Although you can rent a rod and reel on most party boats most confirmed cod anglers like to bring their own outfit. The best rod for cod is also a matter of personal preference but any good sturdy boat rod from about 5½ to 7 feet long will serve the purpose. Some anglers prefer the shorter surf rods especially if they want to cast a rig out. A longer rod also helps to keep the line away from the hull of the boat and makes it easier to handle the cod rigs.

The reel can match the rod and is usually a metal spool saltwater reel in about the 3/0 or 4/0 size which can hold at least 150 or 200 yards of 30 pound test mono. In some areas, however, where cod run very big and when fishing over wrecks and in very deep water you may need a bigger reel holding 40 to 60 pound test line.

Most cod rigs consist of two hooks—one tied a few inches above the sinker and the other one a couple of feet above the first. However, when fishing around wrecks or very rocky bottoms I prefer one hook since there is less chance of getting hung up – and if you do and lose a rig, you only lose one hook instead of two.

Skimmer clams are most popular as bait for cod and you can cut a big clam into two sections to make two baits. But many anglers prefer the whole insides of a clam on the hook and some even put two or three clams on a hook since they feel it attracts bigger fish. But they also miss some smaller fish which fail to get hooked on the bigger baits.

Cod hooks can be Sproat, O'Shaughnessy or "Eagle Claw" in sizes from 6/0 to 9/0. The smaller hooks are best if the cod are running small while the larger hooks can be used for the bigger fish. Sinkers of the bank type or diamond shape in weights from 8 to 16 ounces may be needed depending on the depth of the water, the strength of the tide and the speed of the boat if you are drifting.

On a party boat the captain will decide whether drifting or fishing at anchor is the best procedure. This will usually depend on the area or spot being fished, the depth of the water, strength of the tide and wind and similar factors. As a general rule drifting is best over wide patches or banks strewn with rocks and where the fish are scattered. It is also good when the tide and wind move the boat along at a good speed steadily. Anchoring is usually better over wrecks, rock and weed patches, and the smaller shellfish beds. It also is preferred if the tide and wind is very strong or when there is no tide or wind.

At any rate, some movement should be given to your bait when codfishing. This occurs automatically when you are drifting, but even then and especially when anchored, you should raise and lower your rod tip at regular intervals. In many areas cod will even hit diamond jigs and even tube lures and spoons trolled slowly along the bottom. They are slow, sluggish fish but will feed on smaller fish so movement and flash tends to attract them.

Some of the party boats and many private boats also like to chum to attract cod to the scene under the boat. For this skimmer clams can be cracked with a club and thrown over the side. You can also save the shells from clams opened for bait and scatter these around.

For the same reason it pays to watch for commercial fishing boats dredging for sea clams. As they work the offshore clam beds they stir up the bottom, break some clams and expose marine life which attracts cod to the scene.

Cod are usually greedy and engulf a bait and swallow it and it takes but a short, sharp lift of the rod tip to set the hook. Once hooked they are rarely lost during the fight. As a rule small cod don't put up much of a fight and can usually be reeled in without too much trouble. But a big "sow-belly" cod 30 pounds or bigger can take a while to haul up especially from deep water. They may surge toward the bottom a short distance so don't tighten the drag completely. Let the cod take a few feet of line to take the strain off the line and rod. He'll soon tire and then you can slowly reel him toward the surface. Once you have the cod at the surface let him lie there until he can be gaffed. There is less danger in losing him by keeping his weight buoyant in the water than in trying to pull or lift him out of the water.

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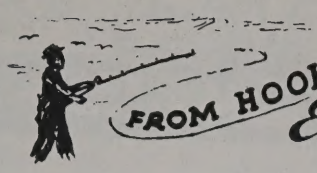

Since writing some recipes for the Long Island Fisherman I have been the lucky receiver of fish from neighbors. They are always accompanied by the same remarks, "We don't care for fish," or "I tried to cook it and it turned out terrible." Upon checking out the fish before freezing it, I noticed it wasn't cleaned properly. It is very important to thoroughly clean the cavity before cooking or freezing, otherwise there will be a bitter taste. It is here where the odor would first start to develop also.

STRIPED BASS IN WINE

Clean and remove head, split fish in half. There is no need to skin the fish. Place fish in shallow buttered pan. Heat oven to 350 F or 375 F. Dot with butter and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Pour about one to one and a half cups dry white wine over fish. Baste frequently and bake for a half hour or more depending on thickness of fish. Test fish with fork. It should flake easily and be nice and white. Don't overcook. Remove fish to warm platter and pour remaining juice over. Fillets can be used in this recipe but the cooking time will be shorter. Serve with lemon wedges.

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Now if you have been saving those fish heads in the freezer, it is a good time to cook them up for a nice fish chowder with the cooler weather here. To make stock for fish soup simply place heads in large kettle and add enough water to cover, add 2 or 3 bay leaves, 1 medium onion sliced and a few stalks of celery. Bring to a boil and then simmer for about one hour or more. Strain through cheese cloth or colander.

FISH CHOWDER

2 tbsps. butter
1 cup carrots
1 cup celery
1 quart fish stock or more
1 large onion diced
1½ cups potatoes
salt and pepper
2 cups cut up raw fish

In the same large kettle melt butter and saute onion till slightly brown. Add remaining ingredients except for fish. Bring to a boil quickly and reduce heat to a simmer till vegetables are almost tender, add fish and simmer until fish is cooked. Garnish with parsley sprigs or fresh dill (if available). Additional spices may be used such as a pinch of oregano, thyme or marjoram, according to taste.

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THE GUEST WRITER'S PAGE

A SPECIAL SECTION

SHOOT AN ACTION PHOTO!

by Doreen Pugh

How come you fishermen submit so many photos showing dead fish? Ever think of carrying a camera on the boat or beach? I know some of you guys and gals out there have expensive cameras in cool looking Never Ready leather cases, and you don't want to expose a valuable camera to saltwater elements. Fine—somebody else in the future will appreciate your concern in keeping that thing in showroom condition. But by then it will be obsolete and not worth much on a trade-in!

Take it out of the pretty leather case, stuff a large enough baggie into your pocket (clear preferably) and put the camera in the baggie if there is danger of saltwater hitting the lens. The rest of the camera should be of man made materials and can be wiped off at home within a reasonable time span. It's basically light-tight so within reason water tight. Most 35mm cameras can be cocked and clicked while in a baggie, just pull the plastic tight over the lens and shoot an action shot even if spray is flying!

I always use Plus X film, almost always shoot at 250 sec, and almost always use a flash. Even in daylight, at noon, without a cloud in the sky? Yes! Your action shot should be framed in the viewfinder of the fisherman about to land his fish. So he or she will have to be close to the fish to get in the same photo. This usually means the fisherman will be leaning over creating shadows and losing the all important expression on his face. A flash will show this detail but shouldn't over expose the rest of the photo. Therefore set the camera, with plus X at 250 sec. and expose for the flash according to how far you are from your subject. You will get acceptable prints if you anticipate a ten to eight foot distance (focus your camera before the fishing starts). So for M3 bulbs use F 22 lens opening; for a strobe, probably, set at F22 or F16. Save the much larger No.5 flash-bulbs for where you can back off 20 feet like on the beach or jetty. You have an instamatic with flashcubes? Great— at 250 sec with plus X about 6 feet from your subject use F8. Your camera has no adjustments? Fine—the manufacturer has set it for your. Use the flash and frame your shot, hold steady and shoot. You might get a slightly blurry fish but the rest of the picture should be acceptable and if it is, you have a good argument for the purchase of a more versatile camera! If you must, settle for backs of heads, but strive for profiles or even better, ¾ profiles but not full face shots where the victim has woodened his expression.

All reflex cameras and some 35mm can be aimed by looking down into the viewfinder as against holding the thing up to your eye. Should something obscure your shot you can still hold the camera at arms length over your head or out over the gunwhales and still see enough of an image to frame a good shot. No, the picture won't be upside down just because you held the camers that way! Another thing to think about, avoid if possible wearing a white shirt, or advise your buddies to avoid the same, a cloae-up flash onto a white T-shirt will cause glare that will obscure the detail you are after when using the flash. I like to see plaids, they're great to focus on and make sharp prints.

If you are thinking of buying a new camera and you are an occasional photographer, check out the new cameras using battery-less flash cubes. I wish I could dispense with batteries! See, use your camera before it becomes obsolete.

Should you decide on color prints or slides I still say use a flash...you'll get great prints.

If you disagree with any of the above I'll be glad to argue with you for about five minutes. But bring your prints and we'll compare results.

Here we go again! Dick leaned hard on his typewriter, pounded the keys until he considered the Connecticut Scene had received its due, ran to the Post Office and Speical Delivered his copy to our office on Long Island. Zap! It never made it. Final notes are always made via the telephone; which sometimes proves to be as reliable. This week's Connecticut Scene is a condensed version relayed via the wires in the final hour before press time. Don't blame Dick; just bring back the Pony Express.

We gather that, for the most part, the fishing activity along the Connecticut shoreline is pretty much the same as last week. Big bluefish and stripers always headline the news and the past week was no exception. Blackfishing has peaked, flounders are showing along with tinker mackerel and a few smelts. There were also some tommycod making their seasonal appearance. This is the way it breaks down:

Best stripers reported were taken on live bunker baits. Leading the Westport Striper Contest, as of last week, with a 49½ lb. bass, is Gary Dillon. Norwalker Joe Ermo weighed in a 39 pounder at the Four Winds Tackle Shop. At Greenwich, Ken Sullaway weighed a 36 pounder. Darien angler, Joe Bonfiglio had a pair going 34 and 28 pounds. The Norwalk and Sheffield Islands produced these fish.

Otto and Joe Carbino trolled worms at Greenwich Point. They landed nine stripers up to 28 pounds. Walt Worobel fished the surf at Penfield Reef. Using a popper he took a striper that weighed in at the Sportsmans Den at 36 pounds. Doug Holten also used this scale to record a 17½ pound blue that grabbed a surface popper. Joe Casselli trolled a 17 pound blue out in the Middlegrounds.

Vinnie Mola told Dick that a triple skirt rig accounted for a 17 lb. blue over at Buoy 11B. But Van Sciver pinpoints the best concentration of blues off Weed Beach, Holly Pond, Sheffield Island and the Tavern Island. Surfcasters, trollers and bait users (strips, whole, line, chunked bunkers) are all getting a share of these bluefish.

The Mamaroneck Fishing Station reports excellent blackfishing as does Pat's Station in Stamford. The entire coast is having the seasonal run of blackfish. Also from Stamford comes a report of tinker mackerel. Flounders appear to be plentiful, yet small, in the tidal creeks and back bays right on up the coast. Sprinkled with these catches are reports of tommycod. The Hickory Bluff Store in Rowayton relayed this report along with one on good porgy fishing. A few smelts are showing for anglers using bloodworms and grass shrimp baits.

That's what we came up with; you get out there and come up with fish. God bless Dick Alley, wherever his copy may be.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO

In the cool months of autumn, fisherman can still bend their rods at the rail with bluefish. Soon, they will be duplicating this scene on nearby wrecks and open bottom as the fall and winter run of cod move in. (Photo by Capt. Artie White aboard the "Angler II" out of Point Lookout.)

HUDSON RIVER

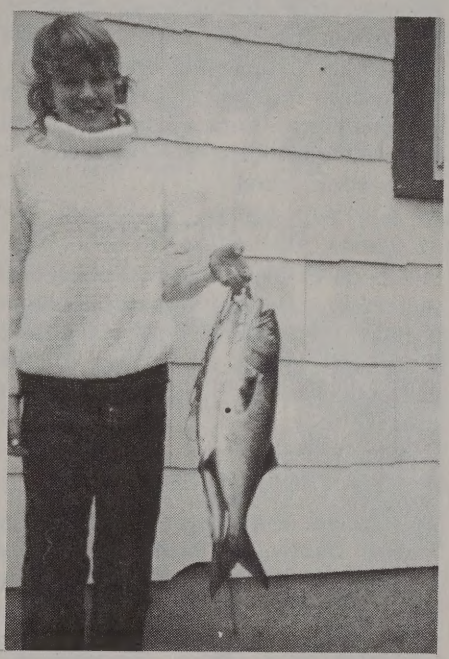
Pete Barrett and his fishing partner for the day, Don Ecker, plugged some 24 stripers from the shore at the Spugten Dyvil, which is on the Bronx side of the Harlem River extrance to the Hudson River. The fish were school sized, up to five pounds, and they fell for underwater swimmers such as the Mee Mees and Rebels. Several of these fish were tagged and released. Pete said that daybreak was the best time to fish this area. He also had a report of stripers taken at Robins Reef in Bayonne. He suggests small bucktails when the water is moving and small poppers on the slack tide. He added that small tommycod are starting to make a strong showing at the Englewood Cliffs boat basin with the promise of larger fish to come.

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported big blues in the bay. They are taking poppers, Hopkins, and bunker baits. Fish in the 10 to 12 lb. size showed off the Yacht Club on the west side of the island last week. Tommy Aiello had a 38 lb. striper, taken on whole bunker at No Nations. Frank Matton - same place - same bait - took a 28 pounder. School bass, 3 to 5 lbs., are hitting trolled worms at Harts Island and other points. Blackfishing is excellent at all the favorite spots; C.B.S. Tower, Fort Slocum, Execution Light, Sands Point. Snappers, Boston and tinker mackerel are mixed around the docks in the morning and evening. Flounders are so-so with a few decent ones caught in Eastchester Bay.

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR

The Glenwood Tackle Shop reported that big bluefsih and occasional lunker bass are still showing a preference for whole live bunkers. Jim McLean weighed a 13¼ lb. blue taken last Saturday morning. A striper, reportedly over 45 lbs., was caught by an angler snagging bunker in the harbor. Matinecock Point is producing big blues for bunker dunkers just before dark. A live bunker also took a bass that weighed 34 lbs. off Centre Island at Bayville, where the angler also reported more action at the change of the tide after high water. Surfcasters along the eastern beaches from Matinecock Pt. to Centre Island have been getting it hot or cold. During the weekdays of last week there were a few stripers mixed with the blues in the surf off Bayville. Blues also hit the beach at Morgans Park in Blen Cove. Blackfishing is excellent at all the rocky points and breakwaters throughout the harbor.



Twelve year old Maureen Hodgkinson poses with her first catch of bluefish. The 4 and 5 pound blues were taken from the surf at Bayville.

BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station reported there is not much to report this week except for the excellent blackfishing at Centre Island Reef. Blackfish are being caught in good numbers there. The fish range from 1 to 5 lbs. There were only scattered bluefish catches at Oak Neck last week. It appears that bluefishing is just about over for the season.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reports the Cold Spring Harbor area is alive with small bunkers. Blues and bass are not far behind. At times anglers are catching both blues and stripers on fresh bunker baits. Louis Radazo of Hicksville bagged a 37 lb. 4 oz. bass last Saturday along the bay area of Cold Spring Harbor. Al Tyson, a surfcaster form Plainview, caught a 43 lb. bass while fishing Coopers Bluff. Blackfishing remains excellent all over. Excellent catches are being produced. Snapper fishing appears to be over for the season.

George Valentine, Tom Paino and Andy Hoffman took the top 3 places in the Huntington Anglers Bass Derby with the Mill River Rod & Gun Club.

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Warren Rossomango of the Chainlocker Bait & Tackle reports seawall and dock fishermen are catching snappers, weakfish and flounders. At Centerport, anglers are hitting 3 and 4 lb. blues. At the Sand Pit area, both blues and stripers are mixed. Presently most of the fish are being taken on Creek Chub lures. Trollers are producing fish on red colored eel-type lures.

SMITHTOWN

Larry Watts of the Beacon Fishing Station reports bluefish up to 4 lbs. are still being caught at Sunken Meadow and east of the Nissequogue River. Stripers up to 40 lbs. are being trolled while using sandworms, also at the river. Flounders are being caught at the river. They range in weight up to ¾'s of a pound.

PORT JEFFERSON

Charlie Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station reports right outside of the Port Jeff Inlet blues from 2 to 5 lbs. are being caught. School sized stripers are being plugged at White Beach. Flounder fishing is improving daily with large flatties up to a pound showing. Snappers and sand porgies are providing excellent action. John Clemente, Jr. of Patchogue, a 13 year old angler, without any help, boated a 21 lb. jumbo blue last Saturday. The huge chopper hit a red surgical tube while trolling leaded line off the Port Jefferson Shoals. John's 21 pounder was the largest blue caught this year at the Port Jefferson area.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reports blackfishing rates an excellent at Rocky Point and Miller Place. Both blues and striped bass are mixed at beach areas, however, only moderate action has been produced. Flounders are starting to show on the outside, with larger fish located close to home. Fishing in gneeral has been good, with the exception of the weather.

RIVERHEAD

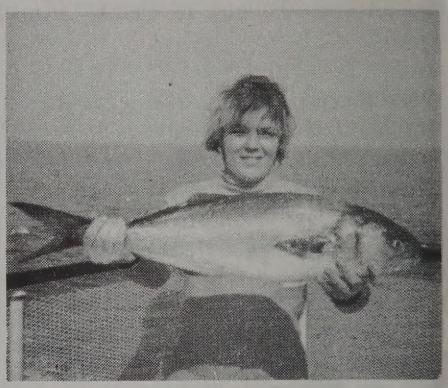
Joe Doherty of the Riverhead Sports Center reports stripers up to 30 pounds are being caught on bunker baits at Baileys Beach at Mattituck. Ed Sadowski of Riverhead has been fishing the Reeves Beach areas. While trolling surgical tubes, Ed has been catching bass between 30 and 40 pounds. Along the Peconic River, weakfish up to 3 lbs. are being caught in good numbers. Bucktails, sinking Rebel lures and small diamond jigs are producing excellent action.

NEW SUFFOLK

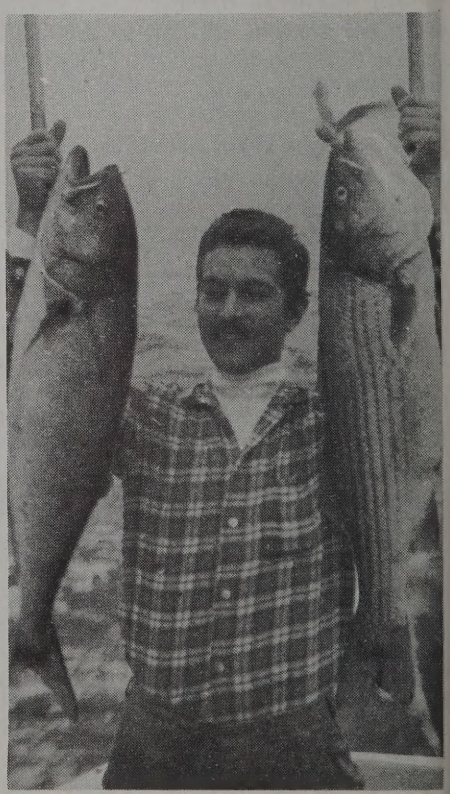
Phil Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported weakfishing has really dropped off and is just about over for the season. Last week the weather did the job on the fishing. This left many anglers fishless.

SOUTHOLD - ORIENT POINT

Bill Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports Joe Bugdon of Peconic caught over 260 lbs. of weakfish up to 4 lbs. last week all by himself. This excellent action took place at the Middleground. Squid baits took the weaks. Fishing has been excellent in this area. Just how long this action will last remains to be seen. Usually by this time of the year the weakfish have left the area. Blackfish from 1 to 3 lbs. are starting to show at the Windmill of Shelter Island. Porgies have vacated bay areas. Flounders have not shown as of yet. Your best bet for the flounders is by the New London ferry docking area at Long Beach. At Mulford Point, blackfishing is very good presently. Blacks from 2 to 6 lbs. are being caught there. Jessie Harvay and his wife are the top senior citizens around. They caught over a bushelful of flounders up to 2 lbs. at Pettys Bight last Saturday. Bluefishing is now rated as fair at Plum Gut, Pine Point, the Race and Pigeons Rip. Stripers have not shown yet but they are expected to make their appearance presently. "I hope they do because a lot of anglers will switch to hunting."



Ethel Lopez, of Lindenhurst, proudly displays her pool winning 16 lb. blue caught while fishing the Race aboard the "Hel-Cat."



Ralph Kelinberg and party chartered the "Born Free" out of Montauk for 8 striped bass, 14 to 18 lbs., and 16 bluefish, 4 to 19 lbs. Most of the action took place at the Pollack Rip.

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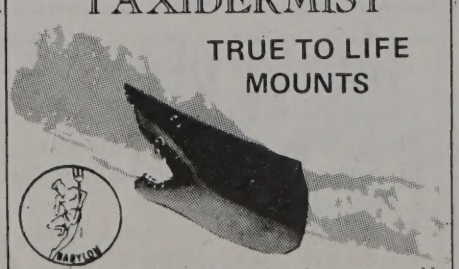

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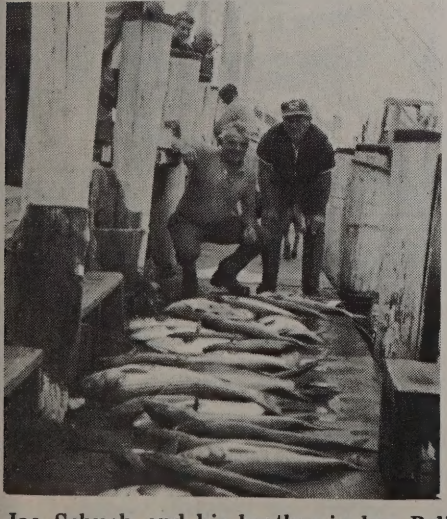
MONTAUK TO FREEPORT by BOB LEE

MONTAUK

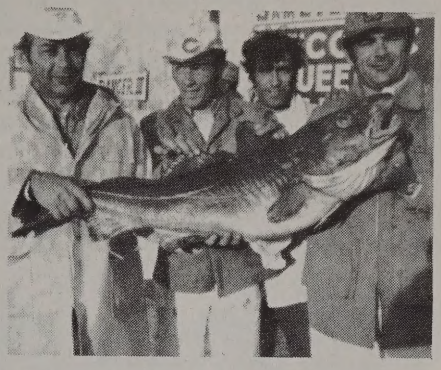
Capt. Paul Sundberg, skipper of the charter boat "Montauk," reports very good fishing on Friday and Saturdya. Sunday's fishing was a bust due to the weather. Capt. Sundberg has been doing a job on blues and some striped bass. Most of his fishing is being done at the Lighthouse or the waters in the general vicinity.

Capt. Les Behan, skipper of the "Peconic Queen II," reports the trips to Coxes Ledge are still getting excellent results. The cod range in size from 6 to 30 lbs. One angler, Al Best of Brooklyn, took the pool money on Saturday with a 50 lb. cod. Capt. Behan told us that he will start fishing the Block Island waters as soon as the large dogfish population decides to leave. For any of our readers that don't know what a dogfish is, the Capt. said to simply say it is a smaller member of the shark family that all the boat skippers consider a pest. Capt. Behan also told us the special trips to Coxes Ledge have been very successful.

Capt. George Glas, skipper of the "Hel-Cat," reports that the bluefishing at the Race continues to be unbelievable. Everybody is getting arm weary from hauling choppers over the gunwhales. On Saturday, Laszlo Mehes of Manhattan took the pool money with a blue of 18 lbs. The average weight of these fish though is from 8 to 11 lbs. Average catch per man is about 15 to 20 fish. Of course, there are the anglers that really outdo themselves and take 30 and 40 fish per trip. A few striped bass are mixed with the blues.

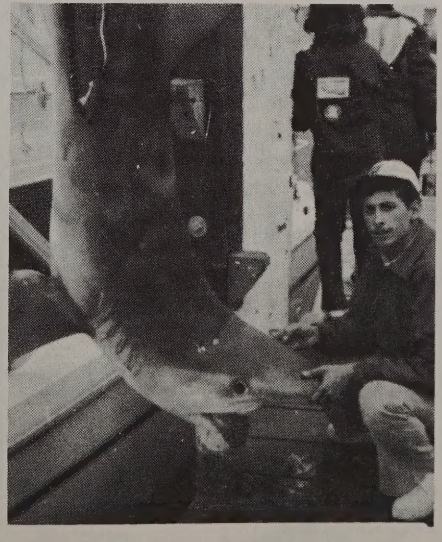


Joe Schuch and his brother-in-law Bali caught this mixed bag of blues and stripers aboard the "Blue Fin" out of Montauk.



Mr. Hatzidakis, on the right, took the pool a week or so back aboard the "Peconic Queen" with this 38 lb. cod.

Emil Leidner and Paul Geyor used the same method at Montauk Point that worked so well at Jones Inlet. The method: (as reported in the L.I.F. several weeks ago), high speed troll with mono so the Hopkins and pork rind lure is just below the surface. The results: a nice catch of big blues.



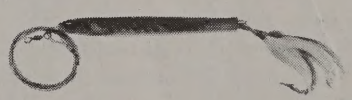
This picture shows Glenn Frankel standing next to the 10 ft. 8 in. 310 lb. Blue Shark he caught aboard the "Rhapsody." It is one of the biggest blue sharks landed in Montauk in the last 10 years.

SAG HARBOR

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," reports the fall fishing is off to a great start. Starting with flounders, this type of fishing right now is excellent. The average weight of the flatties is ¾'s to 1 lb. Naturally there are many small fish caught and they should be returned to the water. A good amount of the flounders are a bit larger, some weighing as much as 2½ lbs. In addition to this excellent flounder fishing there is good porgy action, and blackfish are in abundance everywhere. Capt. Clark has been concentrating his efforts at Plum Island and the waters around Orient Point.

HAMPTON BAYS

Ted DeCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center reports the only news worthwhile right now is the flounder fishing. This fishing is good in Shinnecock Bay at an area known as the "Basket." The best bait is bloodworms. The average size of these flatties is about ¾'s to 1 lb., with a few going a bit larger. Ted told us that blue claw crab activity in Tiana Bay and Buoy 19 is tremendous. These crabs are of the biggest variety.



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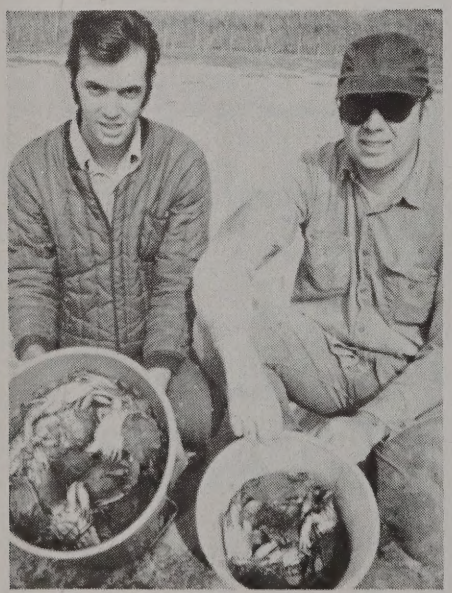
SHINNECOCK

Capt. Tom Johnson, skipper of the "Capt. Clark," reports the flounder season is off to a good start. Capt. Johnson has been fishing in Shinnecock Bay at an area known as the Basket. Excellent catches of these flatties are had every day. The size range is about ¾'s to one pound. Some are a bit larger. One pound kingfish are mixed in with the flounders and they accept the bloodworm baits.

While every other angler has decided that an offshore trip at this time of year for the big ones (sharks) is just about finished, John Hearst and brother-in-law Julio Tarafa of South Hampton thought differently. On Friday, these anglers sailed aboard John's boat, the "Hooker," and hooked into a 240 lb. Blue Shark. This monster took 3½ hours to land. Bunker chum, along with an occasional fire cracker (to attract the attention of sharks in the area), proved successful. John and Julio fished 150 degrees north of the Shinnecock Inlet about 20 miles off in an area known as "The Finger."



Charles Garrido and Henry Stoessel show a nice catch of blue claw crabs. Bob Siefert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station said the blue claws and flounder are running well in Hart's Cove.

MORICHES

Frank Savino of the Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station reports the flounder fishing gets better every day, not only in quantity, but also in size. The best place to go for these flatties is east of the public dock. These flatties average in weight at about ¾'s to 1 lb. Bloodworms are best in the bait department. Excellent blue claw action can be found at an area known as the "Brown House." To quote Frank, "They are really plentiful over there."

Cathy Lyons and Bill Hirsch caught 53 nice sized flounders at Harts Cove out in Moriches Bay. This catch was made in 3½ hours using mussel chum and worm baits. Photo by Skidmore's.

SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports the flounders are in good numbers. "The fish I've been seeing are in the ½ to 1 lb. weight range." There are an exceptional amount of eels being caught also. The best area for flounders is east of Buoy 4 off of Heckscher State Park. Bloodworm baits, a running tide and early mornings make up an unbeatable combination to get these flounders. John Amos and David Haskall of Uniondale caught over 30 flounders in about 2 hours time using the place and method just described. Some of the other fishermen are chumming flounders to their boat with mussel and kernel corn and they are getting excellent results.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy, skipper of the "Capt. Scotty," reports the bluefishing has been excellent for well over a week. The average size of these choppers is about 6 to 8 lbs. But this week was exceptional, with many of the fish ranging as high as 16 lbs. Fifteen pounders, although not coming over the rail, were abundant. Capt. Tweedy has been fishing southeast of the Fire Island Inlet in about 90 feet of water. The average catch per man is about 20 to 22 fish. The more experienced fisherman will catch well over 50 fish per trip.

BABYLON

Augie Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reports that some excellent blackfishing can be found at the artificial reef off of Kismet Beach. On Friday, Nick Zigo and Will Mirabella of Deer Park caught over 100 blacks at this area using fiddler crab baits. There has been some action on the striped bass scene. On Sunday night, Joe Walters of West Babylon hooked and landed a 31 lb. striper. Joe used a live

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eel and fished from the Sore Thumb Jetty. Surfcaster, Howard Miller, of West Babylon, fished the Cedar Overlook surf on Friday night. He was rewarded with two bass, one of 26 lbs., the other 21 lbs. Live eels produced here also. There is still some weakfish action in the deep water between Oak Beach and the Sore Thumb. Strips of squid fished from an anchored boat is producing some fair catches of these hard fighting fish. The blue claw crabbing is not finished by a long shot. Two hotspots for these crabs are the deep holes in the State Channel and the waters south of Oak Beach. Offshore bluefishing this past week was excellent. These blues were in the 12 to 14 lb. weight range, with a good portion of them tipping the scales at 15 to 18 lbs. They were found 145 degrees southeast of the Fire Island Inlet in about 85 ft. of water. The flounder fishing is good, said Augie, but it should get better by next week.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait & Tackle said that trolling bunker spoons on wire line is really doing a job on the big bass. The catches are being made anywhere from Lido to Atlantic Beach. Big bass were seen on the surface at the Roto Wreck chasing blackfsih. Some bass are being caught on blackfish bait at the bridges. Surfcasters are waiting on the beach for the fish to move in. The patient and lucky ones are occasionally running into blitzes. The flounders are small but quite productive. Florence Beach, Squaw Island and the State Channel are good flattie spots. An occasional weakfish is being caught by the flounder fishermen.

Frank Dell of Dell's Fishing Station reports that the flounder activity gets better every day. There are two areas that could be labeled hotspots. One is the channel at the Four Corners and the other is between the 1st and 2nd bridge. A hotspot for blackfish is the abutments around the 2nd bridge. Local anglers, Fred Niederhausen and son Roger caught over 25 flounders at the channel near the Four Corners. These anglers used bloodworms and squid bait. The average size of these flatties is ¾'s to one pound. George Stegner and son, Roger, caught 40 fat flounders between the 1st and 2nd bridges. Worms were the bait.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reports striped bass are taking drifted baby blackfish at the 2nd Wantagh Bridge. Some of these bass are lunkers. There's some decent flounder action in the bay. The flatties are still in the deep holes. Some decent sized kingfish are mixed in with the flounder. There are still some weakfish being caught at the Meadowbrook and 3rd Wantagh Bridge. You must fish the ripping water.

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of the Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reports that the Star Stream has been laid up at the ship yard for about a week for its annual winter overhauling. "But we did manage to get out on Friday," he said. Tehy headed southeast of Gilgo about 6 miles off. "We then started to have some great bluefishing. These blues, of the biggest kind, gave my fares plenty of fishing thrills. On Saturday, we turned to bottom fishing and had a fairly successful day." Capt. Kessinger will stay with the bottom fishing until the cod are offshore in sufficient numbers.

POINT LOOKOUT

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports flounder fishing is very good with decent sized flatties now being caught. A couple of the better spots are the mouth of Cinder Creek and in Fundy Bay. Blackfishing remains excellent at the T Wreck and other local wrecks. All the bridges are also producing good blackfish, especially the Meadowbrook and Swift Creek. There are still some decent weaks being taken in the area of Jones Inlet. The weaks are in the 20 to 30 foot holes. Some bluefish action is taking place in waters of 30 ft. depths or more off Lido Beach. The weather plays a big part in the catch. The blues seem to prefer the flat days.

Left to right, Bob Foley, Mrs. Laurie Matney, Ed Grayed, Fred Jabin and Morris Chadosh pose with stripers from 31 to 42 lbs. These big bass all took trolled tubes off Long Beach while fishing aboard the "Kim."

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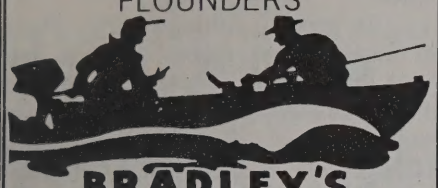

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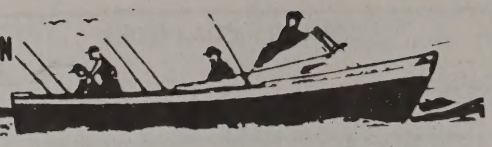
Capt. Henry Thorschmidt, skipper of the "Blue Albatross II," reports the reef and wreck fishing has been very successful. One thing about this kind of fishing is the fact that there is always a variety of fish caught. "We have been getting nice catches of blackfish and porgies at the stone barge off Atlantic Beach. These two species plus some sea bass are being caught at the small unnamed wrecks and reefs." On Saturday they fished around Squaw Island and West Island. The flounders were abundant in both areas. Some kingfish were also taken. Capt. Thorschmidt said he will be sailing for cod on Election Day.

ATLANTIC BEACH TO MANASQUAN

By Greg Beacher



ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reported stripers up to 50 lbs. and blues up to 16 lbs. are still active along beach areas along Rockaway Playland, East Rockaway Inlet, Lido, El Patio and Long Beach. There are also large bodies of bunker and other baitfish located throughout this area. Even a few giant tuna and pilot whales have been sighted. All of this adds up to good action for a fine days fishing.

Last Saturday there were over 300 boats fishing these areas. They produced good catches of stripers and blues. At least 90% of the fish caught last week were taken on bunker spoons. Last Thursday, aboard the "Time Out," Neil Barnett of Oceanside bagged a 46½ lb. bass; William Stroub of Valley Stream caught a 38½ lb. bass and Frank Karg of Lynbrook caught a 30 pounder while trolling off of the El Patio. All three fish were taken on bunker spoons. On Friday, Mike Hoffman of Far Rockaway trolled a 49½ lb. bass on a bunker spoon, also off of the El Patio.

At the Atlantic Beach Bridge, clam chumming for stripers has been good. That is for anglers who work hard in both chumming and the proper movement of their lines. On Thursday and Saturday, Dick Schamack and his son, of Brooklyn, caught some 30 stripers from 3 to 8 lbs. while clam chumming at the bridge. They also had some 16 other stripers, however, they were released because they were shorts (16 inches).

Along with good striper fishing at the bridge, blackfishing is also rated as good. This was proven by Al Odsen and Jerry O'Keefe of Brooklyn. They loaded up on blacks from 1 to 6 lbs. while fishing with fiddler crabs. Blackfishing locally is also productive along jetties, wreck and rocky bottom areas.

Anglers wishing mixed catches are catching flounders, sand porgies, kingfish and eels. Phil Bellarmino and Dom Musco of Richmond Hill fished Buoy 5, east of Reynolds Channel and the mouth of Broad Channel. They caught some 40 flounders to ¾'s of a pound, 12 or so eels, and a mess of kingfish and sand porgies.

JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of the Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reports stripers are starting to show their faces throughout Jamaica Bay. At the North Channel Bridge, stripers from 18 to 21 inches long, along with weakfish from 2 to 4 lbs. are being taken on sand worms and bucktails. At the Riis Park Seawall, George Fedoriw of Richmond Hill bagged a 27 lb. bass with a Gibbs G.T.S. swimmer lure.

Blackfish and sand porgies are being caught in good numbers at the Mairne Parkway Bridge. At the Floud Bennett helicopter ramp, blackfish from 1 to 7 lbs. are being caught on fiddler crabs and grren crabs. Flounders are making an excellent fall showing throughout Jamaica Bay. So far flounders from a ½ to ¾'s of a pound have been caught. Larger flatties are expected to show shortly.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Sheepshead Bay party boats fishing for blues connected for good action while fishing at 17 Fathoms during last week. Blues from 3 to 10 lbs. were caught in good numbers. However, by the weekend, catches were off and anglers were only able to catch blues at a moderate pick. This was due to the arrival of dogfish at the 17 Fathoms area. Jumbo blues were also located in good numbers at the Farms. Again, the abundance of dogfish made the fishing impossible at times. As soon as a scoop of chum was thrown overboard, up came the dogs. The only blues that were caught at the Famrs were taken on jigs while fishing close to the bottom.

Speaking of dogfish, they have invaded most offshore waters. They are so thick in some areas that the fishing became impossible at times. The only good fact about their arrival is that the waters are cooling off and the arrival of cod isn't far off.

Tred Abrams' "Victory," blessed with good weather last Friday, sailed offshore for wreck fishing at its finest for cod and pollack. The trip netted over 200 cod from 10 to 55 lbs. and pollack up to 28 lbs. Edward Beneduci of the Bronx was one of the pool winners with a 30 pounder. Sidney Baruton of Brooklyn won top honors with a 55 lb. cod. The "Victory's" next scheduled offshore trips will be this coming Friday and Saturday.

The "Tampa IV" and the "Ranger IV" have now received new and colorful paintings and seasonal repairs. They are spotless and are ready for the fall and winter seasons. The "Tampa IV's" offshore wreck fishing trips of last week were weathered out. The next trip for the "Tampa IV" will be this Friday night, sailing at 11 p.m. Special offshore trips are being scheduled for the "Ranger IV." These dates are now being set; if interested, please call for the dates and sailing times.

In general, fishing locally belongs to the trollers and sinker bouncers. Both black and porgy fishing remains excellent throughout the Sheepshead Bay and surrounding areas. Party boats are doing exceptionally well for this time of the year. Striper and bluefishing locally has been on the slow side; one could say very slow. Boats from this area are fishing off of Atlantic Beach for stripers and blues. Blues are showing at the Tin Can Grounds along with stripers at times. However, catches have been poor for the trollers. Weakfishing at Norton's Point has been replenished with roaming schools of blues. Weakfishing there has slowed down and is about over for the season. Again, the fishing has been good in general, however, the weather hasn't.

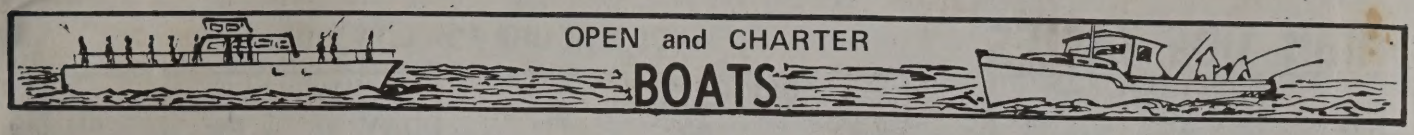
STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported he wasn't pleased to give this week's fishing report. For some reason or other the striper fishing throughout Staten Island was halted last week. Action was very slow and catches were poor. To go along with this, the Staten Island area has a fish kill on its hands. Hundreds of stripers and huge amounts of spearing baitfish were discovered dead. They were found along beach areas and found lying dead along Staten Island's water depths. The New York Conservation Dept. has ordered a full investigation. Specimens have been received by the Dept. and reasons for the fish kill will be known by all shortly.

Despite the fish kill of stripers and spearing, flounders, porgies and kingfish remained active and anglers produced rewarding catches. Blackfishing can be listed in a separate category; simply excellent most everywhere. Bluefishing for the Staten Island area has been slow and is just about over for the season.

SANDY HOOK

Capt. Whitey Morenz of the "Miss Take II" reported they are awaiting the fall run of stripers to start along the Sandy Hook area. Last year they produced excellent striper catches while drifting worm baits and by jigging. So far they have been unable to locate a body of bass feeding at the Hook. The only action at the Hook so far has belonged to the trollers. And they aren't doing too good! Only a few small catches have been made. With last Sunday's and Monday's storm, many feel that the effects of the storm will move striper towards the east, close to home.



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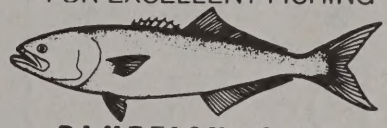

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MANASQUAN

Capt. Howard Bogan of the "Jamaica" reports bluefishing at Barnegat Ridge, and the Klondike remains good. Blues from 6 to 16 lbs. are still being caught in good numbers. Bluefishing at night is still holding on. Just how long it will last remains to be seen. Bottom fishing for porgies and blackfish along wrecks and the Shrewsbury Rocks is holding strong. Boats tilefishing at the Hudson Canyon are still producing excellent catches. The only hinderance there has been is the weather.

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SANDY HOOK

DAY	AM	PM
28-Thur.	3:00	3:24
29-Fri.	4:06	4:30
30-Sat.	5:06	5:36
31-Sun.	5:06	5:30
1-Mon.	5:54	6:18
2-Tues.	6:42	7:06
3-Wed.	7:30	8:00
4-Thur.	8:18	8:48

on SANDY HOOK

Long Island South Side

	h.	m.
Hempstead Bay		
Deep Creek Meadow	+1	02
Green Island	+1	22
Cuba Island	+1	08
Bellmore, Bellmore Creek	+1	29
Neds Creek	+0	50
Freeport Creek	+0	34
Freeport, Baldwin Bay	+0	38
Long Beach	+0	19
Long Beach, outer coast	- 0	29
Hempstead Bay Continued		
East Rockaway	+0	42
Woodmere, Brosewere Bay	+0	35
East Rockaway Inlet	- 0	06
Jamaica Bay		
Plumb Beach Channel	+0	03
Barren Island, Rockaway Inlet	- 0	00
Beach Channel (bridge)	+0	38
Motts Basin	+0	40
Norton Point, Head of Bay	+0	39
New York International Airport	+0	26
Grassy Bay (bridge)	+0	44
Carnarsie	+0	28
Mill Basin	+0	29
Coney Island	- 0	03
Norton Point, Gravesend Bay	- 0	03
Shinnecock Inlet (ocean)	- 0	50
Ponquogue Bridge, Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
Potunk Point, Moriches Bay	+3	35
Moriches Inlet	- 0	56
Mastic Beach, Moriches Bay	+3	28
Fire Island Breakwater	- 0	39
Democrat Point, Fire Island Inlet	- 0	38
Great South Bay		
Fire Island Light	+0	47
West Fire Island	+2	11
Point O' Woods	+2	28
Bellport, Bellport Bay	+3	44
Patchogue	+3	23
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Great River, Connetquot River	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Oak Beach	+2	24
Babylon	+2	12
Gilgo Heading	+2	23
Amityville	+2	21
Biltmore Shores, So. Oyster Bay	+2	05
Jones Inlet (Point Lookout)	- 0	19

WILLETS POINT

DAY	AM	PM
28-Thur.	6:18	6:42
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on WILLETS POINT

Long Island Sound

	h.	m.
Port Chester	- 0	09
Rye Beach	- 0	14
Mamaroneck	- 0	08
New Rochelle	- 0	13
Davids Island	- 0	02
City Island	- 0	03
Throggs Neck	+0	02
Whitestone	+0	02
Old Ferry Point	+0	04
College Point, Flushing Bay	+0	20
Hewlett Point	- 0	03
Port Washington, Manhasset Bay	- 0	01
Execution Rocks	- 0	06
Glen Cove, Hempstead Harbor	- 0	11

BRIDGEPORT

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on BRIDGEPORT

Long Island Sound

	h.	m.
Oyster Bay	+0	04
Oyster Bay Harbor	+0	09
Bayville Bridge	+0	04
Cold Spring Harbor	- 0	01
Eatons Point	- 0	01
Lloyd Harbor ent. Huntington	- 0	01
Northport, Northport Bay	- 0	07
Nissequogue River entrance	+0	05
Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay	- 0	09
Stratford Shoal	- 0	01
Pt. Jefferson Harbor entrance	+0	02
Port Jefferson	0	00
Setauket Harbor	+0	03
Conscience Bay ent. (Narrows)	+0	05
Mount Sinai Harbor	- 0	11
Herod Point	+0	39
Mattituck Inlet	- 0	24
Horton Point	- 0	46
Truman Beach		

NEW LONDON

DAY	AM	PM
28-Thur.	4:54	5:12
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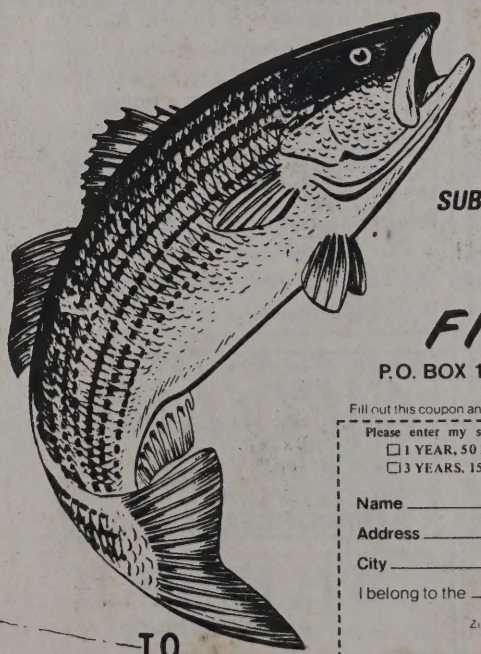
on NEW LONDON

	h.	m.
Plum Gut Harbor, Plum Island	+0	34
Little Gull Island	+0	17
Shelter Island Sound		
Orient	+0	41
Greenport	+1	09
Southold	+1	48
Noyack Bay	+2	10
Sag Harbor	+1	04
Cedar Island	+0	49
Peconic Bays		
New Suffolk	+2	31
South Jamesport	+2	37
Shinnecock Canal	+2	38
Three mile Hbr. ent., Gardiners Bay	+0	26
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	- 0	09
Montauk Harbor entrance	- 0	20
Montauk, Fort Pond Bay	- 0	24
Montauk Point, north side	- 1	08



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